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1. GOSL HAS NOW DECIDED TO SEND FIVE GOVERNMENT DELEGATES TO
WCIWY:

A. MRS. ROSALINE FORDE, LEADER OF DELEGATION, SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE;

B. DR. JUNE HOLST-RONESS, PRIVATE PHYSICIAN AND PRESIDENT
OF SIERRA LEONE PLANNED PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION (SPONSORED
BY IPPF);

C. MISS EUGENIA PRATT, SECRETARY OF SIERRA LEONE'S
NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON IWY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKER
IN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE;

D. MRS. ZAINAB SANCOH, CRAFTSWOMEN INVOLVED IN SIERRA
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LEONE'S INDIGENOUS TIE-DYEING INDUSTRY;

E. REV J.K.C. RENNER, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
SOCIAL WELFARE, AND ONLY MALE MEMBER OF DELEGATION.

2. FORDE, HOLST-RONESS AND RENNER ARE SOPHISTICATED, WIDELY TRAVELLED, HAVE MODERATE VIEWS, AND SHOULD BE CULTIVATED.

3. FORDE'S HUSBAND IS CURRENTLY IN US ON IVS GRANT. AS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MRS. FORDE IS PROFESSIONAL HEAD OF HER MINISTRY AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH US EMBASSY, PEACE CORPS AND PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS.

4. DR. HOLST-RONESS VISITED THE UNITED STATES ON AN IVS GRANT IN 1971. SHE HAS TRAVELLED TO UK, NORWAY (HER HUSBAND IS NORWEGIAN), SPAIN, FRANCE AND DENMARK. SHE HAS VISITED CHINA TWICE, FIRST IN 1960 AND MORE RECENTLY AS PART OF PRESIDENT STEVENS' 1973 ENTOURAGE. SHE IS PROPONENT OF FAMILY PLANNING AND CHILD SPACING AS PART OF PROGRAM TO IMPROVE INFANT HEALTH AND REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY. DR. RONESS WAS ONE OF SIERRA LEONE'S DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE IN DENMARK IN 1960.

5. REVEREND JOSEPH K.C. "CRISPON" RENNER STUDIED IN US AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (BA IN 1960) AND HOWARD (MA IN 1962). ALSO HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMAS IN THEOLOGY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE HAS TRAVELLED IN EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE USSR AND TRAVELLED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1973 ON AN IVS GRANT TO EXAMINE URBAN PLANNING SYSTEMS.

6. OTHER TWO DELEGATES ARE NEW TO WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE. SAMUELSUNQUOTE KISSIRGER

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